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- 1. In accordance with his desire to eliminate racketeering on the Manila waterfront, President Ramon Magsaysay requested Jaime Velasquez, one of his close advisors during the recent campaign, to accept the post of Commissioner of Customs. Although Velasquez would not accept the post on a permanent basis, he agreed to serve until a qualified successor could be appointed. Magsaysay agreed to this arrangement.
- Velasquez then requested Juan C. Tan, Federation of Free Workers (FFW) official, to act as his advisor on labor problems. Tan agreed to serve in an unofficial capacity, without compensation, if the Administration would make a serious effort to combat waterfront racketeering. Velasquez cited this as Magsaysay's objective, and stated that he (Velasquez) had been chosen for that very purpose.

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Comment. See for additional information regarding the problem of waterfront racketeering.

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